

REFLECT OF LAITY MINISTRY

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- Barbara Loomis (Grantsburg-Central, Ad Chair) – Review of Ministry of Life
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REVIEW 2024 MINISTRY with a Video Clip **Pastor Jenny Lee**

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING SONG *Here I Am, Lord* **UMH 593**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND

OFFERINGS -Special Offering for Youth Ministry

***DOXOLOGY** **UMH 95**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Unison

In grateful appreciation of the gift of life and all that adds to our enjoyment of that gift, we dedicate these offerings to proclaim your good news. As sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, we recognize the whole human family as bone of our bones and flesh of our flesh. We want for them all that we appreciate in our own lives. May these offerings help to unite us in your servant ministry. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***CLOSING HYMN** *God Be with You till We Meet Again* **UMH 672**

***BENEDICTION** **Pastor Jenny Lee**

***POSTLUDE** **Toni Koons**

Worship designed "Led By Love" by Lavon Bayler

Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church

The 2024 Parish Ministry Theme:
"Let's Replant It" (Galatians 6:7-10)

**21th Sunday After Pentecost
Laity Sunday**



Grantsburg-Central
Since 1897



Atlas
Since 1887



St. Croix Falls
Since 1859

A JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES:

*10:30 AM at Grantsburg with Online Zoom Service
(10:45 AM, Sunday School)*

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Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
October 13th, 2024
21th Sunday After Pentecost/Laity Sunday

*Please stand if you are able.

***PRELUDE**

Toni Koons

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

“Peace be with you”

(Share God’s peace with one another)

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***MISSION STATEMENT Responsive**

Let us shout our mission statement together.

Let us make the disciples of Jesus Christ all generations with open hearts, open minds, and open doors for the transformation of the world. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive (The Book of Worship)**

From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ’s righteousness.

All Christian ministry is Christ’s work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

All Christians are called to Christ’s servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.

The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ’s ministry of grace.

It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God’s love and ours.

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.

***DEDICATING HYMN**

We Are the Church

UMH 558

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Loving God, who created us to live in families and to realize the human community in the church of Jesus Christ, help us today. You have granted us prosperity and many opportunities for happiness. We have been blessed as were the children whom Jesus welcomed and embraced. In Christ we recognize our origins and seek to live as your ministers and as brothers and sisters to one another. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen!

CHILDREN’S TIME

UMH 191 (vs. 1)

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

OCTOBER CHURCH MISSIONS

ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Ashleigh Olson

<p>INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:</p> <p>Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year-round.</p> 	<p>LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT</p> <p>Requested items: eggs, milk, mayonnaise, coffee, tea, peanut butter, crackers, cookies. Personal Products for men & women.</p>	<p>OPERATIONS CHRISTMAS CHILD</p> <p>We will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Sunday, Nov. 10th.</p> <p>Information is available on the table at church.</p> <p>Pack-Donate-Pray...Thank You!</p> 
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GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

<p>BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!</p> <p>REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY! Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"</p> 	<p>This month will be collecting financial donations to support Trick or Treat for UNICEF.</p> 
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ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh

 <p>Food Shelf (Communion Sunday)</p>	<p>Sailor Hat Offering:</p> <p>The Sailor Hat offering will go to support UMCOR</p> 
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Thank you for your support!

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People
Rev. Jenny Lee

VOLUNTEERS:

Joint Worship Service/Laity Sunday at Central-Grantsburg
October 13th at 10:30 am



VOLUNTEERS
Central -Grantsburg

Pianist	Toni Koons
Liturgist	Pastor Jenny Lee
Acolyte(s)	Willow Nyland
Fellowship	Central UMC
Counters	Russ Hammer, Sue Olson, and Peter Gionis
Cleaning	Sandra Erickson
Mowing	Volunteer needed
Sunday School	Jenni Stedmen



Breakthrough Prayers:

Please pray for those who are sick or scheduled for surgery: Kay Lamphere, Ron Alderfer, Shane Tooze, Virginia Hill, Herarly Koser, Lynn Hanson, Jameson Koser, Briana, Sally Schmitt, Trinity, Suzie, and Sandy Olson.



Please pray for those who are homebound: Dorothy Miller and Ken Olson

"This kind can come out only by prayer"(Mark 9:29)

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **An Online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday only at 9:00 am.**
- 2) The link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook page.
Click the LINK to Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84147808460?pwd=SDZleFNubmEvaDBlcytTRzVxMFIIZz09>
Phone: +1 312 626 6799,
Meeting ID: 841 4780 8460, Passcode: 568271
- 3) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at upperstcroixparish.org under Sermons!
- 4) Sunday's video may be uploaded on late Sundays!
<https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC>
- 5) We will also send you a weekly bulletin and written sermon through post mail and email. If you have any questions regarding the mailing weekly materials, please contact our parish secretary, Colleen Norenberg.

This Week's Calendar:

Today: 21th Sunday After Pentecost. World Communion Sunday.
God Bless you all!

Worship Service Schedule

10/13: 10:30 am	Grantsburg with Zoom (10:45 am-Sunday School)
10/14: 10:30 am-1:30pm	North West Harmony Choir at Rice Lake
10/15: 2:00 -4:00pm	Bishop's Day Apart in Eau Claire
6:30pm	Ad Council Meeting (G)
10/16: 5:30-7:30 pm	Go Fish for K-Up Kids (G)
10/17: 5:00-6:00 pm	Youth Band (G)
6:30 pm-8:00 pm	Senior Youth Bible Study (G)
10/18: 1:30pm	Ad Council Meeting (A)

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Barb Loomis 10/13

Amy Harmon 10/15

Briana Olson 10/16

Cameron Smallwood 10/19



Next Sunday (October 20th):

Central -Grantsburg

Pianist	Toni Koons
Liturgist	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte(s)	Willow Nyland
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed
Counter	Volunteer Needed
Cleaning	Sandra Erickson
Mowing	Volunteer Needed
Sunday School	Jenni Stedman

Atlas

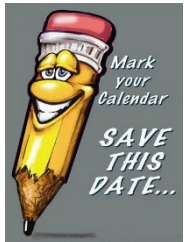
Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Mariah Gaffey
Usher	Sue Olson
Cleaning	Volunteer Needed
Sunday School	Josie Grimes

St. Croix Falls

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Jim Andrews
Usher(s)	Karan Sciacca
Counter	Peter Gionis
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Flowers	Kathy Gionis

Upcoming Events & News

- 10/20: Ad Council Meeting (SCF)
- 10/25-10/27: Youth Fall Out Camp at Wood Lake Camp
(Contact Shayna Schmid)
- 10/30: Halloween Party for K-up Kids





October 13, 2024

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.
Upper St. Croix Parish UMC

“Laity Sunday: A Calling to Fulfill Good Work”

It is such a joy to gather together, especially on this Laity Sunday, as we celebrate and acknowledge the ministry of all God's people—not just those ordained or in leadership roles, but every single believer who has been called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. I deeply appreciate all your ministries. You are the ministers God has called to fulfill His good work.

Laity Sunday is a special day, designated by the General Conference, “to celebrate the ministry of all Christians” (The Book of Discipline – 2016, ¶ 264.2). While it is traditionally observed on the third Sunday in October, we are celebrating it on the second Sunday this year as we come together with all of our parishioners for a joint service.

The ministries of the laity include lay leaders, lay servants, lay speakers, lay ministers, lay missionaries, deaconesses, home missionaries, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, The Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, missionary service, and many other significant forms of ministry. Laity Sunday is a day set aside to remember and lift up an enduring truth: the priesthood and ministry belong to all believers. Everyone is invited to share in God’s community of healing togetherness and world-repairing love.

Today’s scripture from 2 Timothy takes center stage on this Laity Sunday: 2 Timothy 1:14. In this passage, the apostle Paul encourages his young mentee Timothy to keep and guard with care the good and beautiful things entrusted to him. Let’s take a closer look at three key themes from this passage that can guide us as we celebrate Laity Sunday:

Paul opens this letter with gratitude, recognizing Timothy's sincere faith. He recalls the faith that first lived in Timothy’s grandmother, Lois, and in his mother, Eunice. Paul reminds Timothy that his faith did not originate in himself, but is part of a spiritual heritage.

This speaks directly to us today. Many of us are here because someone invested in us—perhaps a parent, grandparent, mentor, or friend. Their prayers, encouragement, and example helped shape our walk with Christ. Today, we acknowledge that each one of us is part of a long, unbroken chain of faith that stretches back through the generations.

For those who may not have come from a strong Christian heritage, know that you are the beginning of such a legacy for those who will follow after you. On Laity Sunday, we are reminded that each one of us has a role in nurturing the faith of others. Whether through teaching, mentoring, serving, or simply living out our faith in daily life, we are called to pass on this precious gift of faith.

Paul then encourages Timothy with these famous words: “For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” Timothy was young, and he faced the challenges of leading a church in a time of persecution. Paul knew that fear could easily hold him back from living out his calling. So, he reminds him that God’s Spirit equips us not with timidity, but with **power** to stand firm, **love** to serve others, and **self-discipline** to stay faithful in all things.

On Laity Sunday, as we celebrate the priesthood of all believers, we are reminded that every Christian is empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill their unique calling. The Spirit within us is not one of fear or hesitation. Each of us, whether in our workplace, our homes, our schools, or our communities, carries the Spirit’s power to shine the light of Christ. Let us be bold in our witness. Let us love with the deep compassion of Christ. And let us exercise self-discipline to stay true to the calling we have received.

Finally, Paul urges Timothy to “hold fast” to the pattern of sound teaching and to “guard the good deposit entrusted” to him by the Holy Spirit.

What is this “good deposit”? It is the gospel—the message of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, and the promise of salvation for all who believe. It is a treasure beyond measure, entrusted not only to leaders like Timothy but to all believers.

This Laity Sunday, we are reminded that each of us has been entrusted with this same good deposit. Whether we preach from a pulpit, teach a Sunday school class, serve in hospitality, or simply live out our faith in our daily lives, we are stewards of the gospel message. We are responsible for guarding it—preserving its truth, sharing its hope, and living its power.

As we reflect on these words from Paul, we see a call to embrace our shared ministry as the body of Christ. Laity Sunday is a reminder that we are all ministers, called and empowered by God to live out our faith in unique ways. We each carry a legacy of faith, we each are filled with the Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline, and we each have been entrusted with the treasure of the gospel.

So today, let us ask ourselves:

- How can we invest in the faith of others as others have invested in us?
- How can we live boldly, empowered by the Spirit in our daily lives?
- How can we guard and share the good news of Jesus Christ in our world?

May we, like Timothy, fan into flame the gift of God within us, trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us as we live out our calling. Thanks be to God. Amen!